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***RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45***

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation  
Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 35102 – Application of VTX Telecom, L.P. for Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Eligible  
Telecommunications Provider Designation**

### **ETC Designation of VTX Telecom, L.P.**

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to VTX Telecom, L.P. *Order No. 3*, Docket No. 35102, as modified by *Order No. 4* (both orders are attached to this letter) in the same docket, issued on January 18 and 31, 2008, respectively, grant VTX Telecom, L.P. ETC designation in the study area of GTE Southwest, Inc. d/b/a Verizon

Southwest effective January 21, 2008. Verizon Southwest is a non-rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).

If you require any additional information please call David Smithson at (512)-936-7156.

Sincerely,

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